



April 9, 2019

House's Committee on Human Services and Homelessness  
Hawaii State Capitol  
415 South Beretania Street, Room 329  
Honolulu, HI 96813

Hearing: Friday, April 12, 2019 – 9:00 a.m.

**RE: STRONG SUPPORT for Senate Concurrent Resolution 8**

Aloha Chair San Buenaventura, Vice Chair Nakamura and fellow committee members,

I am writing in STRONG SUPPORT for Senate Concurrent Resolution 8 on behalf of the LGBT Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i. SCR 8 urges THE HAWAII STATE DEPARTMENT OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL TO CONDUCT A STATEWIDE INVESTIGATION OF SEXUAL ABUSE OF MINORS IN THE STATE OF HAWAII BY CLERGY OF THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH.

Hawai'i is no way inoculated to the ramped sexual abuse of minors by Roman Catholic Priests, even nuns in some cases, that has ravaged the continent in Boston (as depicted in the award-winning movie "Spotlight"), Philadelphia, Brooklyn, Louisville, Oregon, San Diego, Los Angeles, Denver and the list goes on and on and on.

In July 2018 Jeff Anderson & Associates PA released a report entitled "Clerical Sexual Abuse in the Diocese of Honolulu. This report detailed a number of accused clergy in Dioceses of Honolulu, dating all the way back to 1959, and it also showed the methodical way the Dioceses of Honolulu protected the abusers. All the while putting tens of thousands of keiki at risk over the years and in the process allowed the systematic raping of untold number of survivors.  
<https://www.andersonadvocates.com/Documents/posts/Hawaii%20Report.pdf>

"Quite simply, the unique geography, location and isolation of the Hawaiian Islands created an environment that protected child sexual abusers allowing them to flourish at the expense of the children," the report says.

According to the report Hawai'i became "dumping ground for troubled clerics from the mainland," another reason, besides our location:

"... the late Joseph Ferrario, who served as a Sulpician priest in the diocese beginning in 1957 and as bishop from 1982 to 1993, was an abuser himself. 'He had been a problem for a number of years, and yet he was elevated to the position of bishop,' Gallagher said, adding that 'nothing significant was ever done' about the reports because of the culture of secrecy in the church."

All these reasons are why SCR 8 is so necessary – the darkness that the Dioceses of Honolulu allowed to envelope our islands is beyond heart wrenching to say the least. Only light can drive out darkness and the investigation that SCR 8 calls for is the exact light that the survivors of clergy sex abuse deserve and all of Hawai'i needs to help drive out this darkness.

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A quote from an article that was written to cover the release of the report by the National Catholic Reporter sums it all up:

“The church was more concerned about its own reputation than protecting children, the report says; leadership failed to act when abuse was reported, and cases of abuse were treated as matters of church jurisdiction, rather than crimes.”

The LGBT Caucus asks that you pass this Resolution out and support in it until the Attorney General's Report is released.

Mahalo nui loa for your time and consideration,

Michael Golojuch, Jr.  
Chair



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April 10, 2019

**The Honorable Joy San Buenaventura, Chair with Nadine Nakumura, Vice-Chair  
and Members of the Human Services and Homelessness Committee**

**RE: HSCR 8 AG Investigation of HNL Roman Catholic Church      STRONG SUPPORT**

**Aloha Honorable Chair, Vice Chair and Members,**

**Thank you for hearing SCR 8.**

**Rainbow Family 808 has long supported the Survivors of Sexual Abuse, especially the abuse and rape of children by the clergy of the Roman Catholic Church and any organization that commits crimes against the children of Hawai'i.**

The news story, "Another former Hawaii priest named in massive sex abuse release," from Hawai'i News Now, The October 18, 2018 report reflects the secrecy mode of operation in the Roman Catholic Church. This Washington Diocese Report followed the Pennsylvania Grand Jury Investigation of August 2018 of 6 Dioceses Roman Catholic Church that revealed 300 abusive priests. The October 2018 news story focused on the **Washington Diocese with it's 30 accused priests**. This news story is a copy of what happens in Dioceses across the country that routinely transfer accused clergy of sexual abuse from one parish to another, one diocese to another, and one state to another. The Secrecy of this systematic hiding and protecting of the Abusive Priests harms their Survivors of Rape and puts the next parish's children in jeopardy of rape by the perpetrator. The dioceses hid, protect the accused clergy and thus, condoned their crimes and should be held accountable as accomplices in these crimes. No one is above the law.

Ironically, this 10-18-18-news story labels the 30 priests as massive whereas, while the July 2018 Report from the Jeff Anderson, Mark Gallagher Offices listed **58 Accused clergy in the Honolulu Diocese**. These facts used to break my heart, hurt me as a betrayal from the church of my youth. I've grown up, think for myself and believe the adults who have shared their horrific circumstances of rape at the hands of Roman Catholic priests, brothers, bishops, and higher-ranking clergy, who have more importantly betrayed the little children in and outside the Roman Catholic Church. No one is above the law and need for the sake of our little ones, our families and our society to be held accountable.

Read more on another former Hawaii priest named in massive sex abuse release at <http://www.hawaiinewsnow.com/2018/10/16/another-former-hawaii-priest-named-massive-sex-abuse-release/>

There are a variety of books, reports and surveys that document this System of Secrecy within the Roman Catholic Church for centuries. The book, "Sex, Priests, and Secret Codes," by Thomas P. Doyle, A.W.R. Sipe and Patrick J. Wall, pgs. 296-300 documents the rules from the early days of the church. The earliest documentation is found in the "Apostolic Period: 1<sup>st</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Centuries" to 2005. In 2005 "There were twelve Grand Jury Investigations of clergy Sexual Abuse of minors by Roman Catholic bishops and priests in various jurisdictions throughout the United States, but reports from those investigations were not available at the time of publication."

The recent reports from the last two years have broken the Systemic Secrecy of Sexual Abuse of minors in the United States. Hawaii needs the knowledge of the Sexual Assault/Rape in our state to give the Survivors their



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day in court. SCR 8 does not indict the Roman Catholic Church but rather opens the door for the benefit of the children harmed by the decades of abuse. Hawai'i needs the transparency of an investigation by unbiased experts. In fact this investigation will assist the Roman Catholic Church with their own rules dating back to at least the Apostolic Period (60-322).

Now the people of Hawai'i need what Pennsylvania and 14 other states have investigated. Please pass SCR 8 as soon as possible. Thank you for your consideration for the benefit of the children of Yesterday, today and the future.

**Mahalo for your support"**

Sincerely,

Carolyn Martinez Golojuch, MSW  
President and Co-Founder  
**Rainbow Family 808**

**SCR-8**

Submitted on: 4/11/2019 1:27:11 PM

Testimony for HSH on 4/12/2019 9:00:00 AM

| <b>Submitted By</b> | <b>Organization</b>                                     | <b>Testifier Position</b> | <b>Present at Hearing</b> |
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| Melodie Aduja       | O`ahu County Democrats Legislative Priorities Committee | Support                   | No                        |

Comments:

Pursuant to the Legislative Priorities Action Planks of the Democratic Party of Hawai`i, to wit, to "make our communities safer now in schools and on the streets and in our homes", the O`ahu County Democrats Legislative Priorities Committee is in support of SCR 8. See, Democratic Party of Hawai`i 2018 Platform, page 2, lines 36-39.

Mahalo nui loa for this opportunity to submit testimony on SCR 8.

Melodie Aduja, Chair, O`ahu County Democrats Legislative Priorities Committee

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Date: April 12, 2019

To: The Honorable Joy A. San Buenaventura, Chair  
The Honorable Nadine K. Nakamura, Vice Chair  
House Committee on Human Services and Homelessness

From: Justin Murakami, Manager, Prevention Education and Public Policy  
The Sex Abuse Treatment Center  
A Program of Kapi'olani Medical Center for Women & Children

RE: Testimony in Strong Support of S.C.R. 8  
URGING THE HAWAII STATE DEPARTMENT OF THE ATTORNEY  
GENERAL TO CONDUCT A STATEWIDE INVESTIGATION OF SEXUAL  
ABUSE OF MINORS IN THE STATE OF HAWAII BY CLERGY OF THE  
ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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The Sex Abuse Treatment Center (SATC) strongly supports S.C.R. 8.

Child sexual abuse has severe and devastating physical, emotional, social, and financial consequences for victims, their families, and their communities, which can last throughout a victim's lifetime.

In Hawaii, more than half of the victims who receive services at local sexual assault centers were younger than age 18 at the time they experienced abuse. Moreover, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Hawaii Youth Risk Behavior Survey outcomes for 2013, 2015, and 2017 indicate that children and youth in Hawaii experience sexual violence at higher rates than their mainland peers.

The findings in civil and criminal cases and reports across the United States, including in Hawaii, indicate that the Roman Catholic Church engaged in a decades-long pattern of moving clergy who sexually abused children within and between state jurisdictions; failed to disclose documentation and other evidence of child sexual abuse to criminal justice and civil authorities; and suppressed, dismissed, or otherwise mishandled complaints using internal systems controlled by the Church.

The effect has been to ensure that survivors and their loved ones were silenced, isolated, and rendered unable to take advantage of the range of options available for healing and seeking justice, while the public and our elected officials and executive agencies were impeded from gaining a clear, complete understanding of the extent of the abuse, obstructing efforts to respond proportionately and appropriately.

In August 2018, Pennsylvania's Attorney General published a grand jury report detailing the abuse of more than 1,000 children by approximately 300 priests,

including at least one priest who was relocated from Pennsylvania to Hawaii and later admitted abusing at least 30 children in the diocese in Erie, Pennsylvania, and then in the diocese in Hawaii.

As a direct result of the Pennsylvania grand jury report, 16 Attorneys General across the United States have initiated their own investigations, including in Illinois, which issued its initial report in December 2018 that revealed 500 priests in that state who were accused of child sexual abuse and who had not previously been disclosed by the church.

As stated by Illinois Attorney General Lisa Madigan, “The priority has always been in protecting priests and protecting church assets. Time and time again, the church says, ‘Well this all took place years and years ago.’ *But it’s a crisis in the present for all the people who have had to live with it* (emphasis added).”

Hawaii’s experience with this crisis, to date, justifies a statewide investigation. According to America: The Jesuit Review magazine, there are 66 Catholic parishes and nearly 300,000 Catholics in the State of Hawaii. A 2018 report by Jeff Anderson and Associates PA and the Law Office of Mark Gallagher, Clerical Sexual Abuse in the Diocese of Honolulu, identified at least 58 Catholic clergy members who allegedly committed child sexual abuse in Hawaii. However, without a formal, statewide investigation, the extent of abuse here, as in Pennsylvania and Illinois, may never be known.

We also respectfully note that in Hawaii there may be a substantial number of cases that are within criminal and civil statutes of limitation. Statutes of limitation can be tolled under specific circumstances, such as when offenders are not physically present in the state, and in Hawaii these cases may also be subject to our current window period statutes that allow otherwise expired civil cases to be brought in court.

Therefore, we ask that the Committee please pass S.C.R. 8, requesting that the Hawaii State Department of the Attorney General initiate a statewide investigation of sexual abuse by members of the Catholic clergy in Hawaii.

**SCR-8**

Submitted on: 4/9/2019 7:15:44 PM

Testimony for HSH on 4/12/2019 9:00:00 AM

| <b>Submitted By</b> | <b>Organization</b> | <b>Testifier Position</b> | <b>Present at Hearing</b> |
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| Mike Golojuch       | Individual          | Support                   | No                        |

Comments:

I strongly support SCR8. The Department of the Attorney General needs to conduct a statewide investigation of sexual abuse of minors by clergy of the Roman Catholic Church. My wife and I have known of several cases of sexual abuse of minor cases, which Church officials seem to either cover up or deny without investigation. The only way to get to a complete review of any abuses by priests is to have the Attorney General conduct the statewide investigation.

Please pass SCR8 so those who were abused as minors have the justice they deserve. Thank you for the opportunity to provide my comments.

Mike Golojuch, Sr.



**SCR-8**

Submitted on: 4/9/2019 6:12:03 PM

Testimony for HSH on 4/12/2019 9:00:00 AM

| <b>Submitted By</b> | <b>Organization</b> | <b>Testifier Position</b> | <b>Present at Hearing</b> |
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| Michael Tada        | Individual          | Support                   | No                        |

Comments:

**SCR-8**

Submitted on: 4/10/2019 11:04:00 AM

Testimony for HSH on 4/12/2019 9:00:00 AM

| <b>Submitted By</b> | <b>Organization</b> | <b>Testifier Position</b> | <b>Present at Hearing</b> |
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| Nathan Yuen         | Individual          | Support                   | No                        |

Comments:

I strongly support SCR 8. For far too long the Roman Catholic Church has concealed a hideous fact -- that many children have been sexually abused at the hands of priests. The church would routine reassign known abusers to different diocese in other parts of the country to cover-up the problem. We know abuse has occurred in Hawaii. Priests yield great power over parishioners and many in the community accept what the church says without question. We need an investigation to reveal the truth about this horrible abuse of power and hold the church accountable for how it has handled the abuse. Please pass SCR 8.

**SCR-8**

Submitted on: 4/10/2019 3:48:30 PM

Testimony for HSH on 4/12/2019 9:00:00 AM

| <b>Submitted By</b> | <b>Organization</b> | <b>Testifier Position</b> | <b>Present at Hearing</b> |
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| Andrea Quinn        | Individual          | Support                   | No                        |

Comments:

Dear Honorable Committee Members:

Please support SCR8 urging the Hawaii State Department of the Attorney General to conduct a statewide investigation of sexual abuse of minors in the state of Hawaii by clergy of the Catholic Church.

Abuse in the Catholic Church has been widespread throughout the world. In the US, BishopAccountability.org, an "online archive established by lay Catholics," reports that over 3,000 civil lawsuits have been filed against the church resulting in settlements of sex abuse cases over \$3 billion.

They estimate anywhere from tens of thousands to over 320,000 children have been sodomized since 1950, of which 18,565 survivors have broken through the silence. The abused include mostly boys but also girls, some as young as three, with the majority between 11 and 14.

Due to decades of cover-up by the Catholic church the exact number of US priests involved in sex abuse can only be estimated to be at 5.8% – a figure that more than likely includes clergy in Hawaii.

Thank you for your time and the opportunity to present my testimony.

Andrea Quinn

Kihei

**SCR-8**

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| <b>Submitted By</b> | <b>Organization</b> | <b>Testifier Position</b> | <b>Present at Hearing</b> |
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| Ann S Freed         | Individual          | Support                   | No                        |

Comments:

PLEASE. Pass this reso. The abused of our Islands cry out for Justice from this hypocritical, corrupt institution.

Ann S. Freed

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